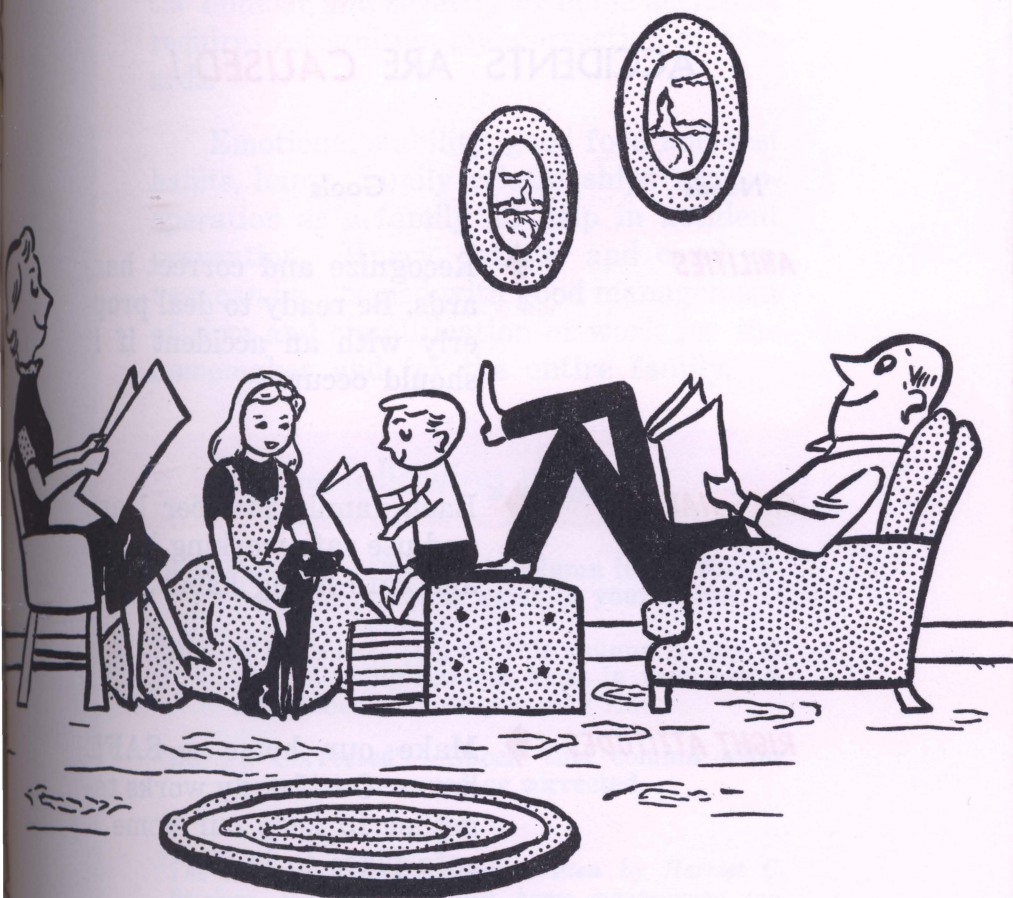


HOW SAFE *is your home?*



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ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED !

Needs

Goals

ABILITIES

- ➡ Recognize and correct hazards. Be ready to deal properly with an accident if it should occur.

SAFE HABITS

- ➡ Each family member learn and use safe working habits and safe living habits.

RIGHT ATTITUDES

- ➡ Make our home a SAFE home. Our family works together to keep our home a safe place to live.

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HOME STANDS FOR SECURITY and safety truly should begin there. About one-fourth of the accidents to rural people occur in and around the home. To reduce the number and severity of home accidents requires recognition and correction of hazards.

Emotional stability, good food and rest habits, happy family relationships and cooperation as a family all help in accident prevention. Hurry, fatigue and carelessness can be lessened with good management of time and simplification of work for the homemaker and for the entire family.

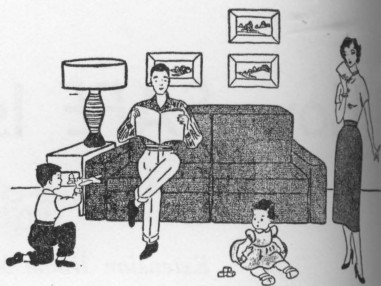
On the following pages

"Safe Practice" Check this column if the following safe practices exist in your home.

"Hazard Detected" Check this column if any of the following hazards exist in your home. Add other hazards you may find.

"Hazard Corrected" Check this column after hazard is removed or corrected.

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GENERAL

Check (✓) the Correct Column

	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Are traffic lanes kept clear to prevent accidents?	_____	_____	_____
2. Is the room well ventilated, especially in cool weather when using space heaters?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Are rugs kept from slipping and curling?.....	_____	_____	_____
4. Is the floor finish safe to prevent slipping?....	_____	_____	_____
5. Is there a well-lighted study area that is convenient and comfortable?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Is lighting adequate in all areas?.....	_____	_____	_____
7. Are light switches at each doorway?.....	_____	_____	_____
8. Is wiring adequate so that no extension cords are used?.....	_____	_____	_____
9. Is there an outlet at least every 10 feet and one on each wall space where furniture could be grouped?.....	_____	_____	_____
10. Are there enough circuits to attach appliances easily?.....	_____	_____	_____
11. Are frayed or worn electric cords repaired or discarded?.....	_____	_____	_____
12. Do you disconnect heating appliances from the outlet when not in use?.....	_____	_____	_____
13. Are window screens fastened securely?.....	_____	_____	_____
14. Do you keep sewing tools and sharp tools high and out of reach of young children?.....	_____	_____	_____
15. Have you a first aid kit that is easily accessible?.....	_____	_____	_____
16. If you have guns, are they kept unloaded in a locked cabinet?.....	_____	_____	_____



HAZARD

BEDROOM

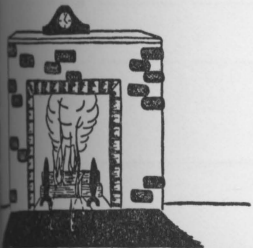
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	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Is the furniture arranged so there is a direct path between the door and the bed?.....	_____	_____	_____
2. Is a light switch at the door and a light at the bed to eliminate bumps, falls, tripping and walking in the dark?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Are bureau drawers closed to prevent painful bumps and bruises?.....	_____	_____	_____
4. Are doors closed or left securely wide open?.....	_____	_____	_____
5. Do members of your family refrain from smoking in bed?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Do you keep the floor cleared of tripping hazards?.....	_____	_____	_____

LIVING ROOM

Check (✓) the Correct Column

	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Is there a regular place for toys and games when not in use?.....	_____	_____	_____
2. With TV, is there general lighting for seeing, also seating for easy viewing?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Is there a screen to fit across the fireplace to hold in flying sparks?.....	_____	_____	_____



HAZARD

KITCHEN DINING AREA



HAZARD

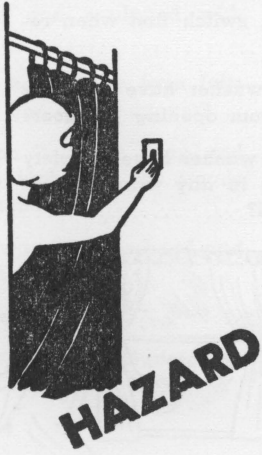
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	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Do you wipe up food, water or grease that has spilled on the floor?.....	_____	_____	_____
2. Do you turn pan handles away from the edge of the range but not over other heating units?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Do you use dry pan-holders when handling hot pans or utensils?.....	_____	_____	_____
4. Is there a rack for knives out of children's reach and a safe place for other sharp tools?.....	_____	_____	_____
5. When using a sharp knife do you cut away from yourself?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Are curtains hung and tied so that they will not blow into open flames?.....	_____	_____	_____
7. Are all matches stored safely out of children's reach?.....	_____	_____	_____
8. Is equipment such as fans, mixer and heating appliances stored in a safe place?.....	_____	_____	_____
9. Are circuits and outlets adequate for use of appliances?.....	_____	_____	_____
10. Is lighting adequate at each work area and the dining area?.....	_____	_____	_____
11. Is all large equipment grounded to prevent shock?.....	_____	_____	_____
12. Are you sure your hands are dry when you handle an electric appliance?.....	_____	_____	_____
13. Do you grasp the outlet plug to disconnect the cord from the outlet, then if necessary disconnect the cord from the appliance?.....	_____	_____	_____
14. Do you inspect all appliances and cords to see that they are in safe working condition?.....	_____	_____	_____
15. Do you have a safe can opener, such as the swing-away wall type?.....	_____	_____	_____
16. Have you learned safe methods for using the deep fat fryer, pressure pan and canner, ice pick, food chopper, grater, slicer, blender, juicer?.....	_____	_____	_____

BATHROOM

Check (✓) the Correct Column

	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Does your bathroom have a nonskid floor?	_____	_____	_____
2. Is there a nonskid floor or mat in the tub or shower?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Is there a light control switch at the door?....	_____	_____	_____
4. Is lighting adequate at the mirror for both sides of the face for safe shaving?.....	_____	_____	_____
5. Is the medicine chest well lighted?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Are all medicines labelled and out of children's reach?.....	_____	_____	_____
7. Do you discard old medicines?.....	_____	_____	_____
8. Have you provided a container or wall slot for used razor blades?.....	_____	_____	_____
9. If the light has a pull chain, does it have a safety insulating link?.....	_____	_____	_____
10. Does the bathroom have a wall-type heater rather than a portable one?.....	_____	_____	_____
11. Are electric appliances out of reach from the shower, tub or the washbowl?.....	_____	_____	_____
12. Do you make sure that your hands are dry when you handle an electric appliance?.....	_____	_____	_____
13. Is there a grab rail anchored firmly to the wall over the tub, either diagonally or vertically?	_____	_____	_____
14. Can the bathroom door lock be opened from the outside as well as the inside?.....	_____	_____	_____

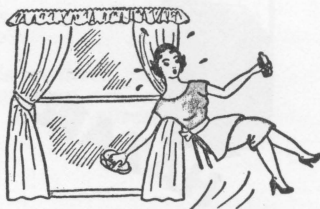




UTILITY AREA, BASEMENT

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	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Do you keep a step stool or ladder handy to reach objects on high shelves?.....	_____	_____	_____
2. When lifting objects do you keep your back straight, knees bent and feet apart so that the leg muscles do the work and not the back muscles?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Do you carry objects in such a way that they will not block your view?.....	_____	_____	_____
4. Do you keep the floor dry to avoid falls and shocks?.....	_____	_____	_____
5. Are all flammable liquids, insecticides, disinfectants and poisons plainly marked and carefully stored?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Are oily cloths kept in a closed tin container?.....	_____	_____	_____
7. Is there a place for everything in your cleaning closet?.....	_____	_____	_____
8. Are work areas well lighted for ease of seeing?.....	_____	_____	_____
9. Are all fixtures shockproof?.....	_____	_____	_____
10. Is all laundry equipment grounded?.....	_____	_____	_____
11. Do you throw the main switch first when replacing a fuse?.....	_____	_____	_____
12. If automatic, does the washer have a safety lock to keep children from opening the door?.....	_____	_____	_____
13. Does your wringer-type washer have a safety device easily accessible in any wringer position and easily operated?.....	_____	_____	_____



14. Are all moving parts of machines covered to safeguard the user?.....
15. Do you always disconnect the electric iron from the outlet if you leave the room for any reason?.....
16. Do you make sure that the iron is cool before you coil the cord loosely around it?.....
17. Is there a pressure relief valve on your water heater?.....



STAIRS, HALLWAYS

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	Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
1. Are stairways kept clear of toys and other objects?.....	_____	_____	_____
2. Are stairs well lighted and equipped with handrails?.....	_____	_____	_____
3. Are gates provided to keep baby from falls on the stairs or to keep him out of danger?...	_____	_____	_____
4. Are treads not less than 9 inches deep and risers about 7½ inches high with the treads and risers uniform throughout?.....	_____	_____	_____
5. Are small rugs placed away from the head and foot of stairs and landings?.....	_____	_____	_____
6. Is stair carpeting securely fastened?.....	_____	_____	_____
7. Are hallways well lighted and uncluttered to allow free access to all rooms?.....	_____	_____	_____

PORCH, YARD AREA

Check (✓) the Correct Column

Safe Practice	Hazard Detected	Hazard Corrected
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| 1. Are all steps, porches, stairways in good repair with no loose boards, no splinters nor protruding nails? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Are garden tools, mowers and pitchforks stored when not in use? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do you have a safe trashburner that keeps sparks and flaming bits inside? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Do you have a fly-tight, water-tight container for holding bottles and rubbish that will not burn? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Do you eliminate all possible breeding spots for flies, mosquitoes or rats? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Do you practice rodent control through trapping, poisoning and ratproofing? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Are all "blind corners" eliminated? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Is the lawn free from holes and stumbling blocks? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Is the well located and installed so that water supply is clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless and safe? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Are septic tank and seepage conduit adequate to dispose safely of farm wastes? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Have you made sure that no "live" wires sag dangerously near clotheslines or traffic lanes? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Are all "live" wires well insulated? | _____ | _____ | _____ |



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National Safety Council
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